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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

## NOVEL β-LACTAMS, METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF TAXANES, AND SIDECHAIN-BEARING TAXANES

Novel  $\beta$ -lactams finding utility as intermediates in the preparation of sidechain-bearing taxanes such as taxol and taxol derivatives. The present invention also relates to novel methods of coupling  $\beta$ -lactams to form such sidechain-bearing taxanes, and to novel sidechain-bearing taxanes.

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